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### **Search Report under Section 17**

#### **Databases searched:**

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#### **Documents considered to be relevant:**

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A,P	Proc. 2000 Int. Conf. Acoustics, Speech & Signal Processing, Istanbul, 5-9 June 2000, vol 1, pp 604-607, "Wavelet-based non-parametric HMM's: theory and applications", Couvreur <i>et al</i> , see especially section 5	1,21

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